(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the UNESCO's Education For All Global Monitoring Report 2005, India has been ranked at 105th with Education For All Development Index 0.700 among 127 participating countries.

Excess Engineering Seats

1246. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that engineering seats on offer in the country far exceed demands; and

if so, whether roughly 20 per cent of all engineering seats remained vacant last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education, about 20% of the sanctioned seats in engineering colleges for the year 2004-05 remained unfilled. Besides the current demands for certain disciplines, actual admissions depend on several other factors such as facilities provided by the institute, faculty available, location of the institution etc.

Infrastructure Requirement for Schools

†1247. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether increase in the number of students has been estimated in the secondary schools during the year 2007-08 as a result of the Sarva ShikshaAbhiyan;

the estimated percentage of increase and the details regarding development of infrastructure for the secondary schools for the increased number of students;

whether there is any central scheme for setting up new secondary schools;

whether any new scheme is being contemplated;

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(e) the facilities being provided to each State through 'EOUSAT'; and

(f) whether schools would be provided with any amount for providing the facility of'EDUSAT'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a)and(b) Increase in the number of students at the secondary level would depend, *inter alia,* on the degree of success of programme like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

(c) and (d) There is no centrally sponsored scheme for setting up new secondary schools, nor has any decision been taken in this regard.

(e) and (f) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) would provide one hub, Studio and ten Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) to each of the States and 50 SITs to the North-Eastern States and the Jammu & Kashmir, free of charge.

Utilization of Education Cess

†1248. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received so far from the education cess by Government;

the educational programmes for which the cess amount would be utilized;

whether the States having literacy rate below the national average would be provided with special assistance from this amount;

the amount that has been provided to Madhya Pradesh out of the sum recovered from education cess; and

the justification for keeping the ratio for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 75:25 and whether keeping in view the shortfall of the resources in the backward States, Government would decrease the share of Madhya Pradesh from 25 per cent to 15 percent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (d) According to the Receipts Budget 2005-06, estimated receipts from the Education Cess are as follows:

RE 2004-05	Rs. 5010 crores.
BE 2005-06	Rs. 6975 crores.

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